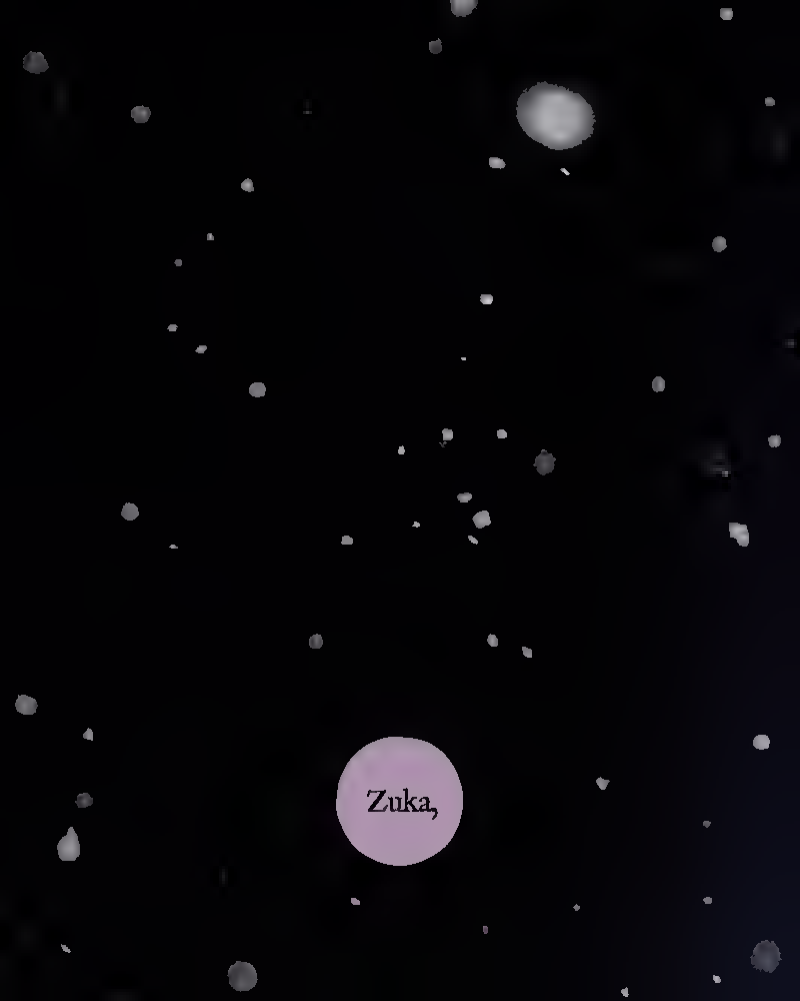
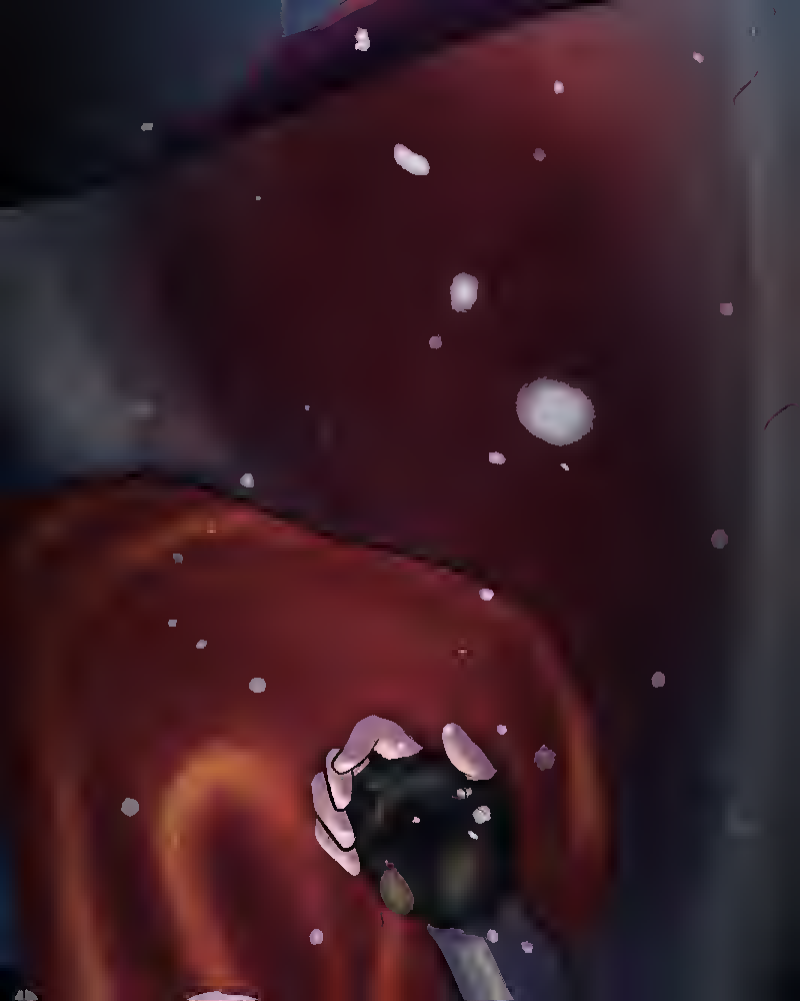
♫ Please turn on sound ♫


Zuka,

...you
once told
me,

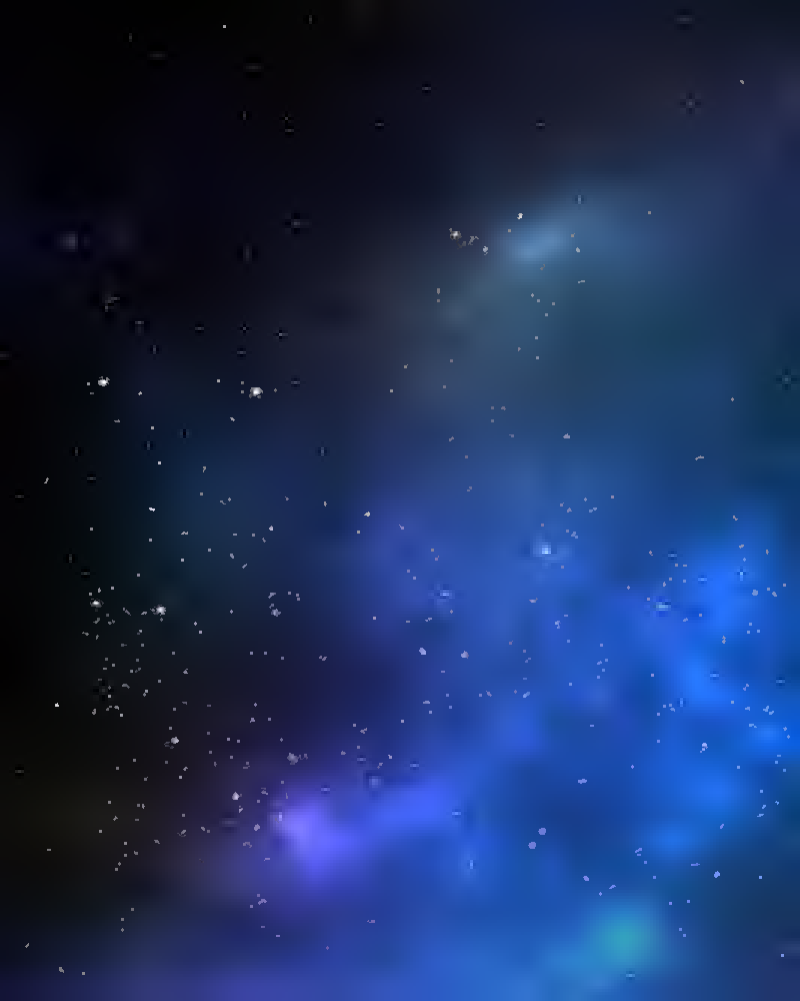
...how
pain,

...was the only thing
...that made you feel alive.



I never understood why,

...till
now.



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The Sword or the Word

Here are the rest of the victus leaves.
That should be enough for Rey's cuts.
Yes,
...you can leave them there.

Thank you, Arret.
Hey Rey, I made some moonshine,

...want a swig?
He

shouldn't have any alcohol
OUCH!
Thanks,
...I could use some.

Pain reminds us,

...that we're still alive.
That's why alcohol was invented. *heh.*

Glug
Glug
zzzzz

Zzz

Hmmm?

Zuka,

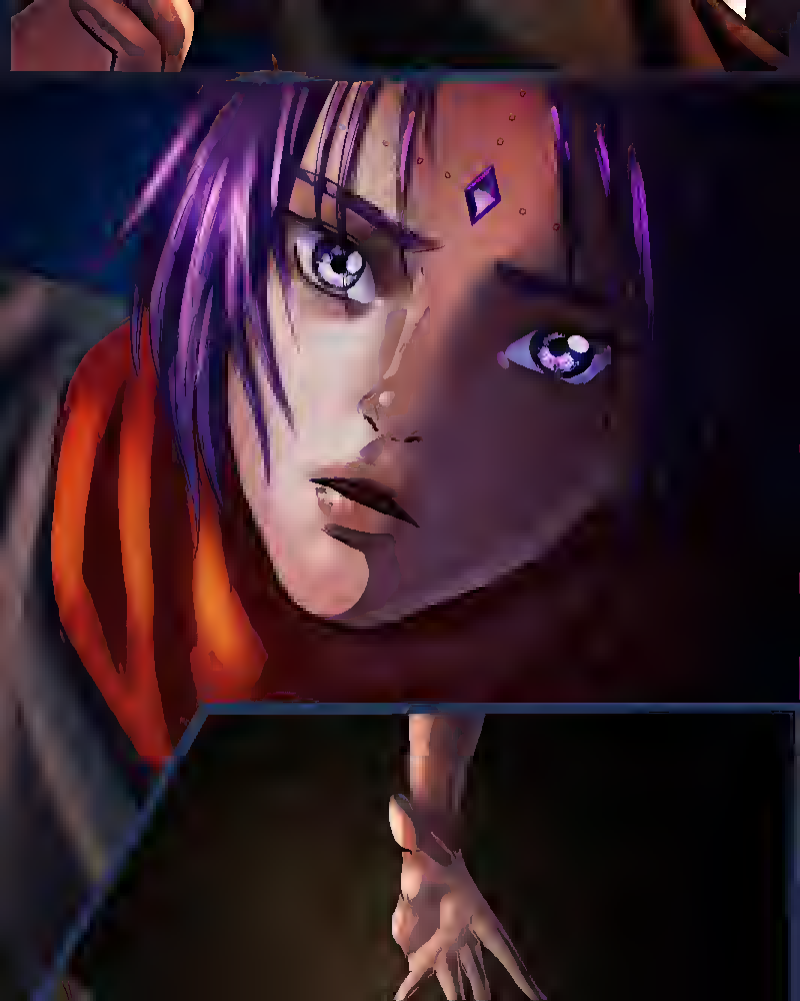
...your arm.
What happened?
Battle wounds.

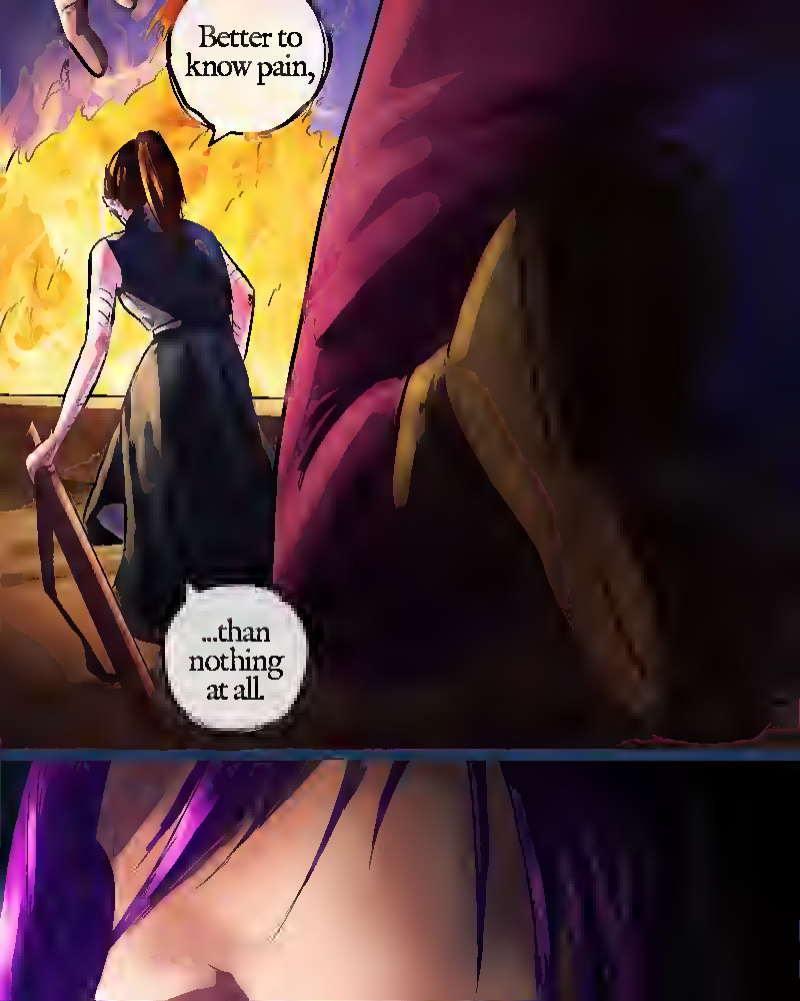
From who?
Myself.

I'll be fine.

When a girl says she's fine,

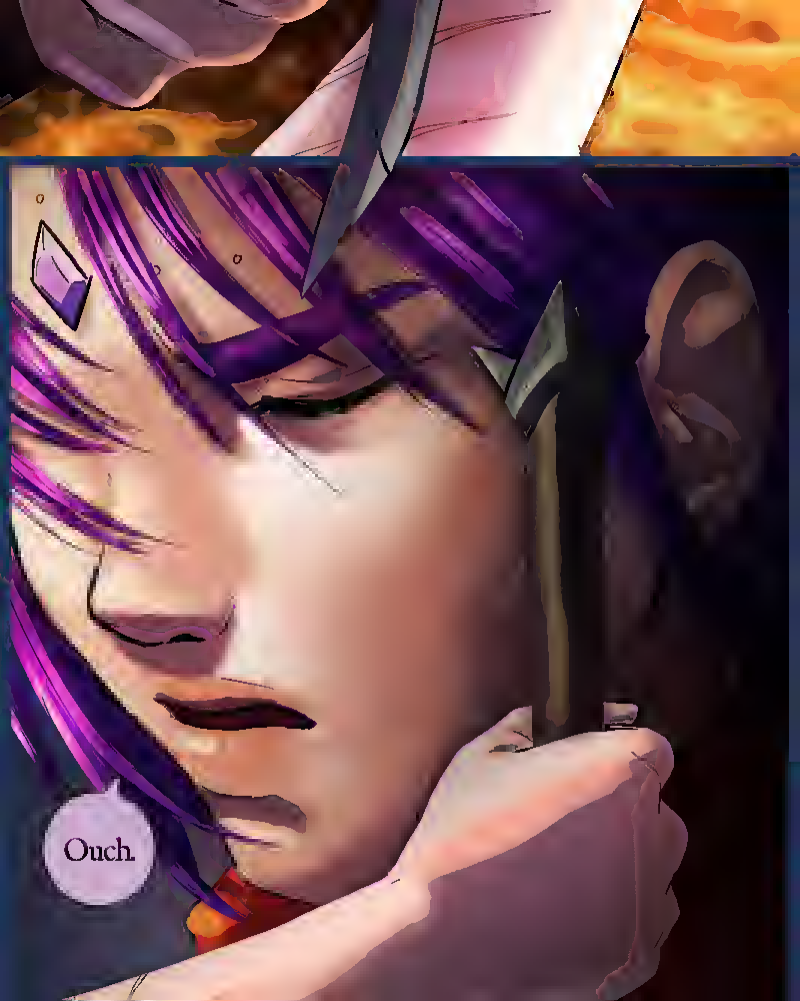
...deep down,
She's only pretending to be okay



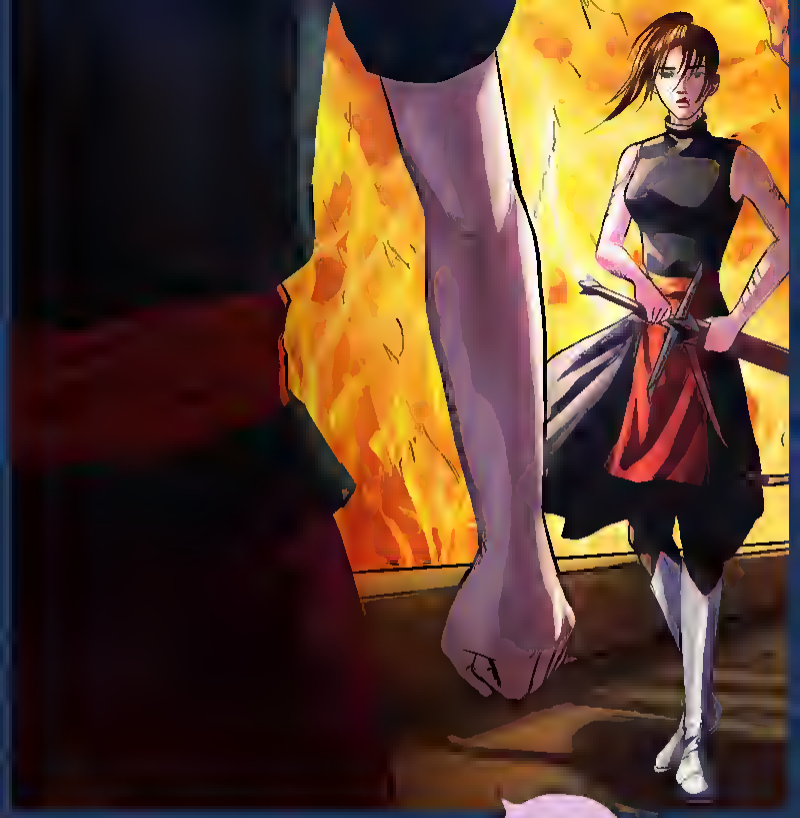

Better to know pain,
...than nothing at all.

What about knowing love?

Love?
For what? Love is just another word.

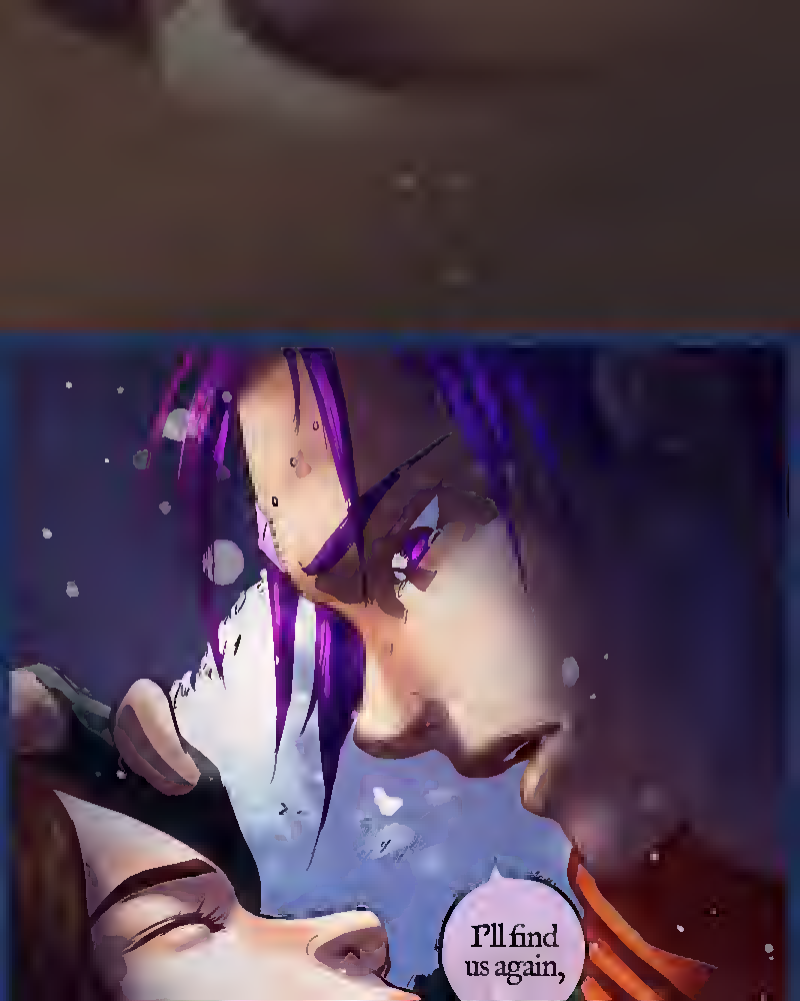

Ouch.

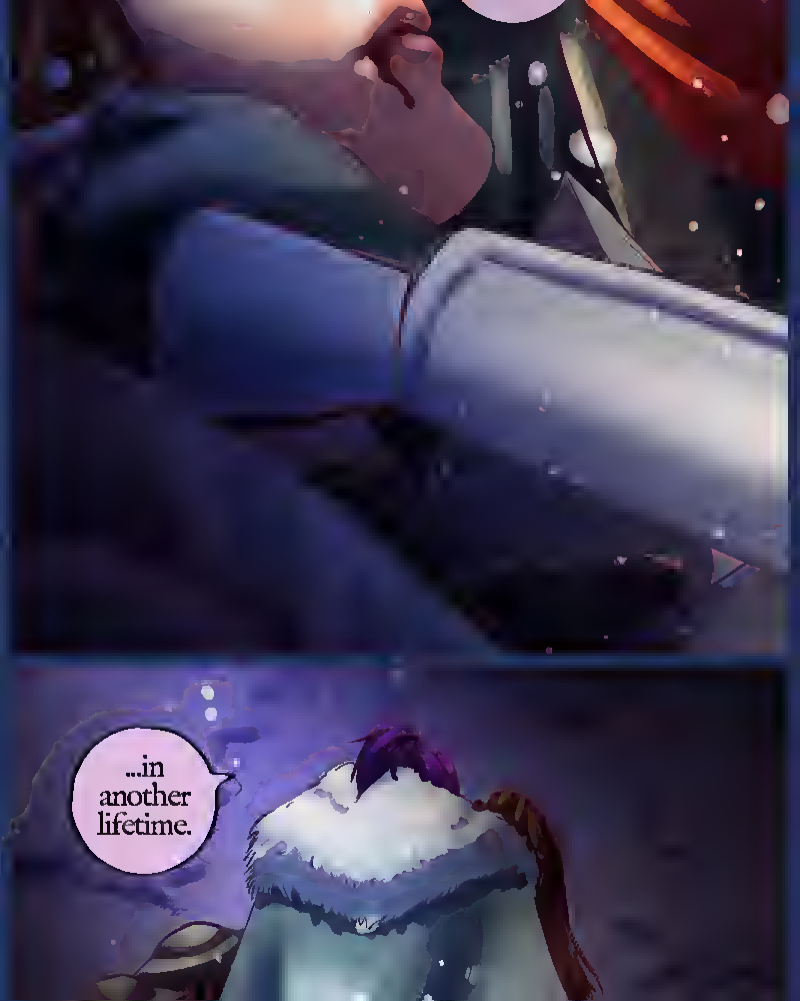
Who knew words could cut deeper than swords?


Night
Zuka.

Zuka?

Zuka?


I'll find
us again,


...in another lifetime.

Where we can be free.
You have my word.

Young master,
...which will you choose?

The power of the sword,
...or,

...the
ways of the
word?

THUMP
THUMP
Bebo,

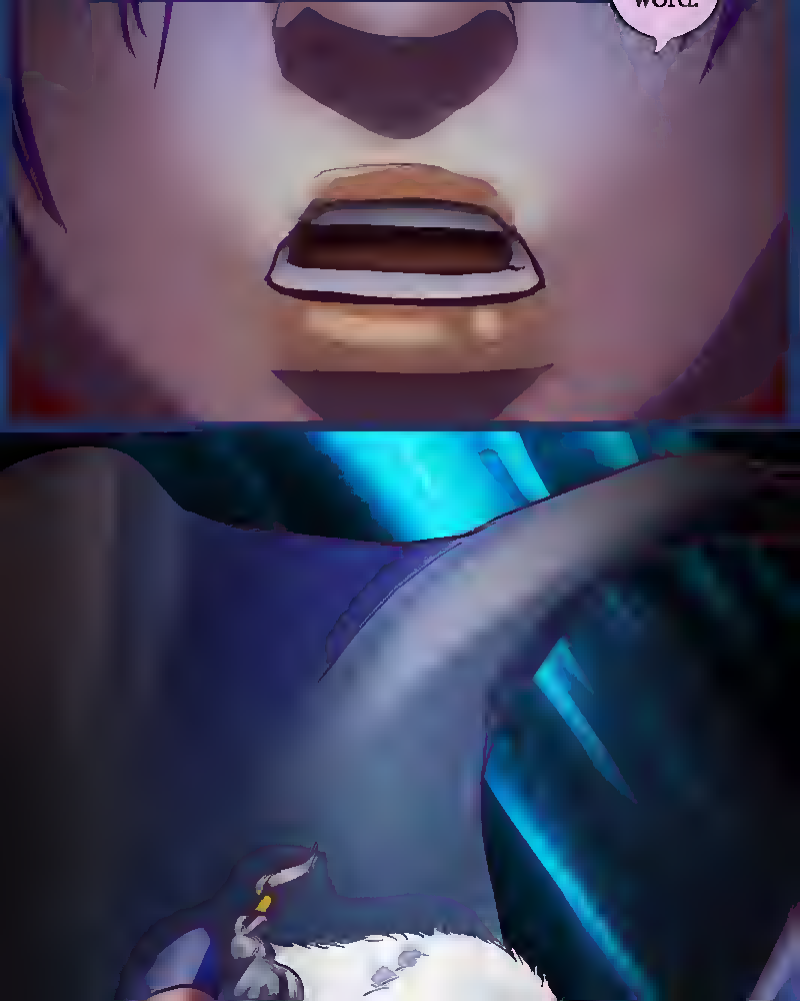
...you were right.

THUMP

THUMP

I'm no hero who fights with a sword.

...the


word.

The

Wolf!

THE WORD!!!

Child of light,
you have chosen

your path.

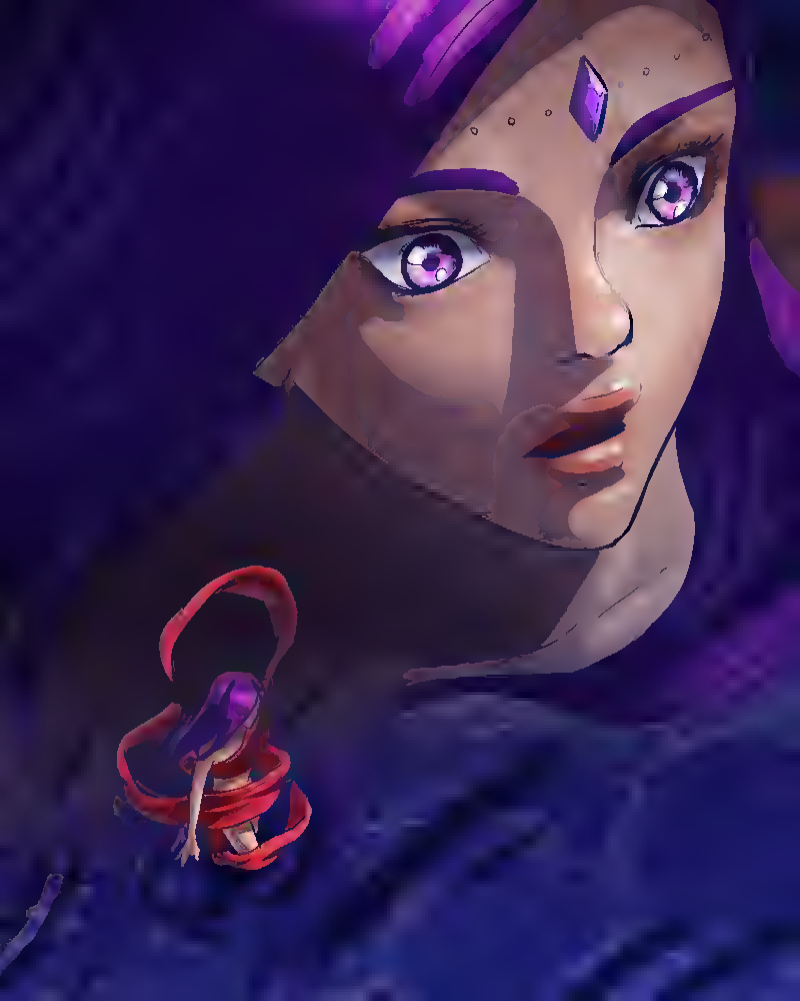
Here, is
your truth.

During your darkest hour,

...you'll find this light.

Some call it love,
God,
...I call it,

...the truth.



Mom?
Dad?

They can't hear you.

...Aurella Oriana.

That's

...my
name.

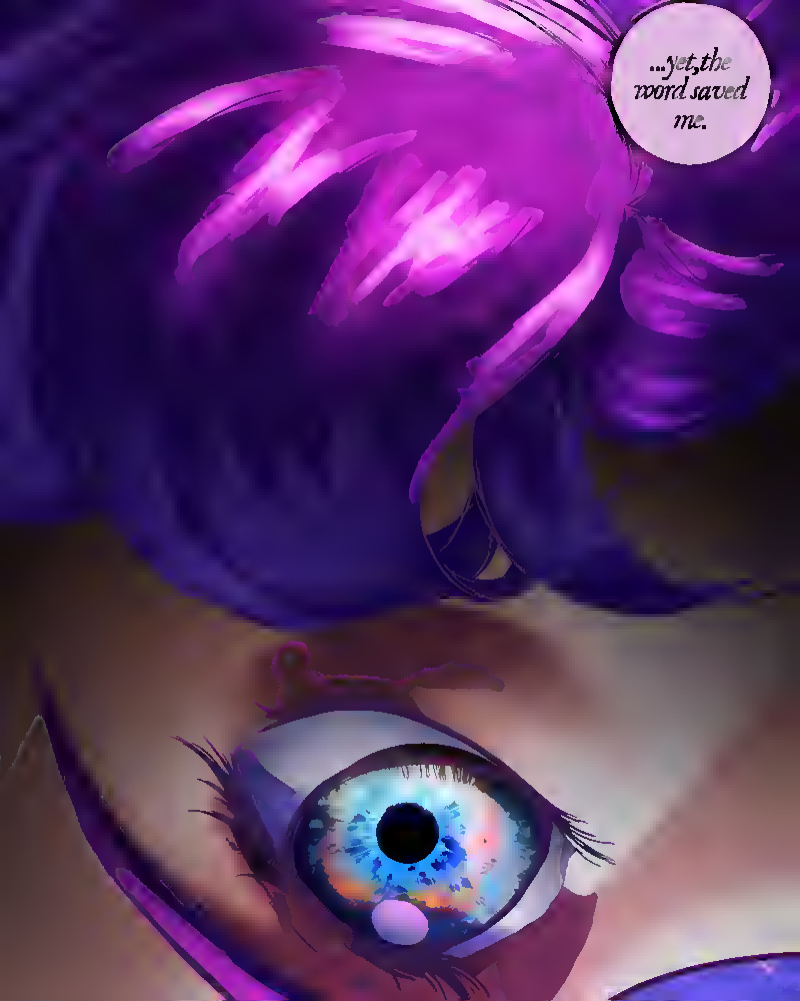
How,
...could I forget?

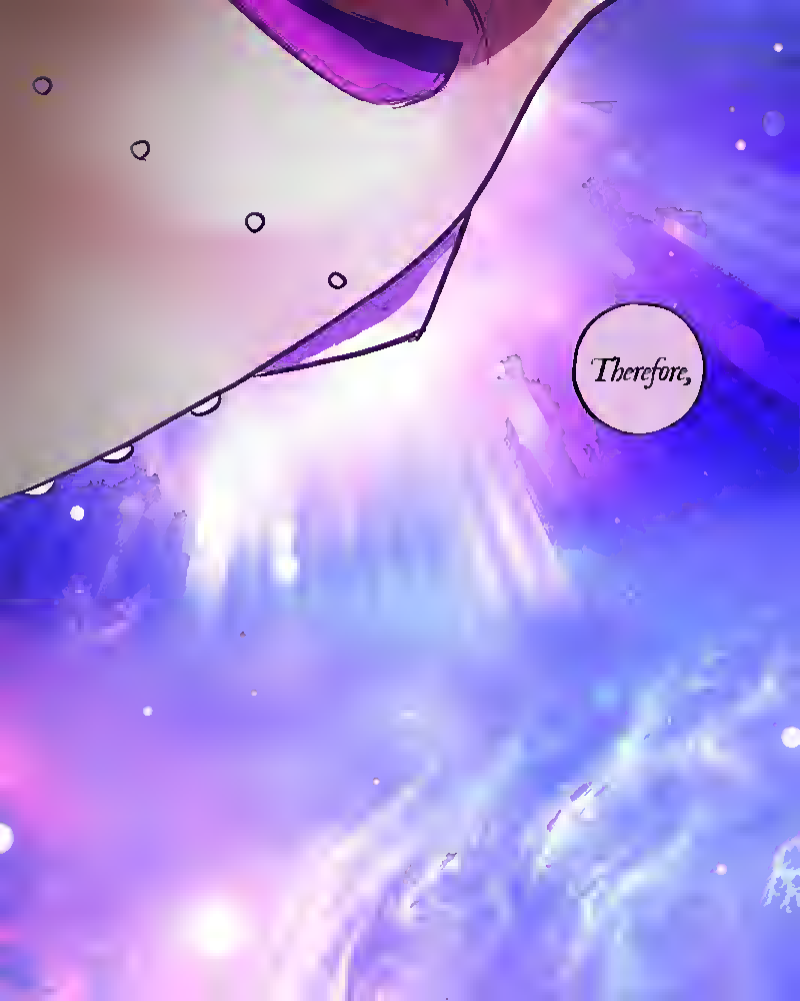
That broken feeling

She felt it,

...and revealed to me, my greatest strength.

My voice.
Pain raised me,


...yet, the word saved me.


Therefore,

...I became
the word.

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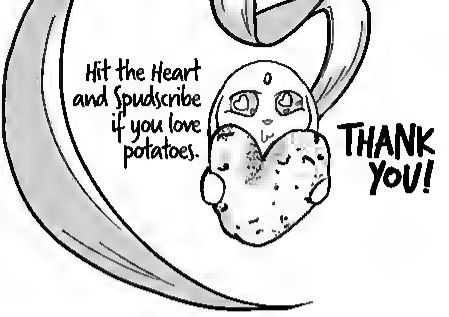

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